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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6005th meeting of the Security Council, held on 29 October 2008, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Women and peace and security", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council reaffirms its commitment to the full and effective implementation of resolutions 1325 (2000) and 1820 (2008) on 'Women and peace and security' and recalls the relevant statements of its President.

"The Security Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on 'Women and peace and security' (S/2008/622).

"The Security Council remains concerned about the under-representation of women at all stages of a peace process and in peacebuilding, and recognises the need to facilitate the full and effective participation of women in these areas, given the vital role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding.

"The Security Council urges Member States, international, regional and sub-regional organisations to take measures to increase the participation of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding and to strengthen the role of women as decision-makers in these areas. The Council calls upon the Secretary-General to appoint more women to pursue good offices on his behalf, particularly as Special Representatives and Special Envoys.

"The Security Council strongly condemns all violations of international law committed against women and girls during and after armed conflicts; urges the complete cessation by all parties of such acts with immediate effect, and also urges Member States to bring to justice those responsible for crimes of this nature.

"The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to provide a report on the implementation of resolution 1325 (2000) over the coming year, including information on the impact of armed conflict on women and girls in situations of which the Council is seized; on the obstacles and challenges to strengthening women's participation in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding, and recommendations to address those issues, to be submitted to the Security Council by October 2009."

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